

2011 Additive Transportation Funding

Objectives:

1. Address shortfalls in core transportation accounts including the State Patrol and Ferry Operating Accounts as well as state preservation and maintenance and ferry capital programs.
2. Provide funding to local transportation entities for urgent system preservation needs.
3. Bring fee rates in-line with costs for transportation services.

State Patrol: \$29M

- Restore proposed cut of auto theft program -- \$4 M.
- Add funds for near term equipment needs -- \$10 M.
- Add funds for overall public safety purposes and shore up State Patrol Highway Acct -- \$15 M.

Ferries - Capital: \$144 M in bond authority; \$10 M for debt service

- Issue bonds to pay for a 2nd 130/144 car class vessel -- \$144 M.
- Establish a stream of revenue to pay debt service on the bonds -- \$10 M.

Ferries - Operating: \$25M

- Restore proposed service cuts -- \$4 M.
- Offset a portion of potential fare increases and/or surcharges -- \$4 M.
- Address portion of increased cost of fuel -- \$17 M.

DOT - Public Transportation Division: \$8M

- Adds funds to the special needs grants program -- \$8 M.

Local Government and Freight: \$31M

- Allocate assistance of \$13 M to cities (via the Transportation Improvement Board) and \$13 M to counties (via the County Road Administration Board) to meet urgent preservation needs -- \$26 M total.
- Provide additional funds to the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board for urgent freight corridor needs -- \$3 M.
- Additional funding for the Safe Routes to Schools grant program -- \$2 M.

State Preservation/Maintenance: \$26M

- Increase funding for urgent state highway preservation needs -- \$13M.
- Increase funding to reduce highway maintenance backlog -- \$8M.
- Supplements new funding proposed in the budget for stormwater permit compliance -- \$5 M.